



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 20, 1999

### **H.R. 356**

#### **A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on September 9, 1999*

H.R. 356 would direct the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to convey approximately 1,528 acres of land and related facilities to Stanislaus County, California, as soon as practicable after enactment of the bill. Under this bill, the Crows Landing Facility would be conveyed to the county without compensation, subject to certain conditions related to environmental remediation and NASA's use of the property for aviation purposes.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 356 would result in the loss of about \$5 million in offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) from the sale of surplus property in fiscal year 2002. According to NASA officials, this property has been declared excess to NASA's needs and will be transferred to the General Services Administration (GSA) for disposal after environmental remediation activities are completed. In the absence of this legislation, we expect that GSA would offer most or all of the property for sale in fiscal year 2002 and that the net proceeds to the government would total about \$5 million. Because H.R. 356 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

H.R. 356 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Stanislaus County would benefit from enactment of this legislation because it would receive land at no cost.

The CBO staff contact is Kathleen Gramp. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.